

THIS WOMAN IS MEDICAL RARITY

Miss Rice, believed the only person now living with only one lung lobe, chats at a Montreal medical convention with visiting surgeon Dr. Rajindra Sethi. Normal persons have use of five lung lobes. Miss Rice has been suffering from a progressive lung disease since 1945.

Steamship Fleet Future Needs Settling In 30 Days

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HALIFAX (CP)—A spokesman for the Cuban Maritime Development Commission said here Saturday the future of the former Canadian National Steamships' West Indies fleet must be worked out within 30 days.

Jose Caminero, a commission staff officer, said in an interview that Fidel Castro's new Cuban government had already spent about \$200,000 to maintain the idle eight-ship fleet, now owned by the Cuban Bank of Foreign Commerce.

"We are not a rich country," Mr. Caminero said. "We cannot continue this indefinitely. Cuba needs these ships, but Cuba must settle this matter in 30 days."

TIED UP BY STRIKE
The ships have been tied up by a strike of the Seafarers International Union (SICU) since July, 1957. Canada sold them last year to Cuban interests for \$2,800,000. Seven of the ships have been maintained here. The eighth is in a Baltimore shipyard.

Mr. Caminero is here to inspect the ships. He hinted that they might be put up for sale "if a friendly solution can't be reached." He said a proposal to split the fleet, keeping some ships in Cuban control and offering the others for sale, is under consideration by the SICU's Canadian chief, Hal Banks.

Within 30 days all expenses in connection with the ships "except for watchmen . . . will be cut down."

He said the split-fleet proposal was difficult because three of the ships are modern motor vessels, while the other five are less valuable steamers. "But we are continuing our negotiations with Mr. Banks. We don't want any

friction with the SICU. We want an agreement in this embarrassing situation."

ONE PROPOSAL
"We have also been approached by some Canadian interests. Cuba would provide the vessels and the Canadians would provide the capital. The ships would fly the Canadian flag and carry Canadian seamen."

"Cuba has not decided how it will use these vessels. But we need them. We want very much to develop a merchant marine."

Fish Landings In Maritimes Amount To 23.4 Million Lbs.

The fish landings recorded in the Maritimes during the month of March amounted to 23.4 million pounds valued at \$1.5 million, the department of fisheries and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced today. These landings have reproduced a seasonal February-March increase in landings although at a lower level than in 1958.

The net increase in recorded landings from February to March was 11.4 million pounds an increase in value of \$632 thousand. Cod, haddock and flatfishes' landings showed a combined increase of 7.7 million pounds over those of February.

Herring landings were up by 3.4 million pounds, all of which were landed in the Bay of Fundy area of New Brunswick. The only species showing any substantial decrease in landings from February to March was smelts which dropped by .5 million to 1.1 million pounds.

The March 1959 landings stood at 8.5 million pounds and \$5

million below the landings and values for the same month a year ago, continuing the lower level of landings which occurred in February of this year. Groundfish and shell fish both demonstrated declines from March 1958.

Pelagic and estuarial fish landings were up in March of this year by about 1.3 million pounds accounted for principally by herring. The lower landings of shell fish, a decline of .6 million pounds occurred mainly in lobsters and can be attributed to both bad

Heavy Snows Give Promise Of Good Trout Fishing

These balmy spring days will see thousands of anglers in the three Maritime Provinces converging on quiet lakes and cascading streams as the 1959 sport fishing season gains momentum.

Although ice conditions in some parts of the oceanside provinces are still locked by ice—particularly in the northern sections—there is sufficient open water in regions where climatic conditions are more moderate to attract a full quota of early season anglers.

Pre-season fishing predictions are usually dangerous prophecies and seldom bear out the wishful thinking of the forecasters, but the heavy snowfalls of the past winter give reasonable assurance that water conditions should be favorable for angling. Only time will tell, however, if the 1959 angling season measures up to the 1958 period which was one of the best in many years.

While anglers are busy getting clothes out of attics and examining their tackle, the department of fisheries and its allied fish culture service are ready for their seasonal activities.

WARDENS BRIEFED

From the department's Maritime area headquarters in Halifax comes the announcement that fishery officers, wardens and guardians are now being briefed for the operations ahead.

"Our district protection officers in the three provinces are now meeting with protection staffs in preparation for the sports fishing season," Loren E. Baker, M.C., area director of fisheries, told newsmen in Halifax.

The fisheries chief noted that while promotional work and the issuance of non-resident fishing

weather and a scarcity of fish which has persisted since last year.

The recorded cumulative landings to the end of March for the Maritimes were 19.2 million pounds below those of the same period in 1958, with a decline in value of \$9 million. The only group showing an increase was pelagic and estuarial fish which were, to the end of March, 3.4 million pounds above landings for the equivalent period in 1958.

Groundfish landings were down by 9.2 million and shell fish by 6 million pounds. The values for these species declined by about \$2 million in each case. The small decline in value relative to the decrease in landings reflects the strengthening of prices which accompanied the smaller fish landings.

Mr. Baker noted that the fish culture service alone spends in excess of a half million dollars annually in its work. That amount, coupled with the thousands spent for the protection of the inland fisheries by the department, constituted a substantial sum. Mr. Baker pointed out. Each season sees millions of the main species of sport fish—mostly speckled trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and salmon—put into Maritime inland waters, by the fish culture service.

HALF-MILLION SPENT

Following are the locations of the fish culture establishments maintained by the department in the three provinces: (Nova Scotia) — Antigonish, Bedford.

licenses lies within the jurisdiction of the three provincial governments, the conservation and protection of the inland fishery resources is the responsibility of the department of fisheries of Canada.

Fishery officers, wardens and guardians keep constant patrols of lakes and streams to make sure that anglers abide by federal regulations. Wardens are full-fledged fishery officers with all the powers of that office and, in any cases, are employed up to 10 and 11 months a year. Guardians, on the other hand, are temporary employees and are employed when they are needed in the Maritimes' nine protection districts.

MAINTAINS STOCKS

While the department of fisheries helps to conserve and protect sports fishing, it is the fish culture service that maintains the stocks of the various species of sport fish. From its rearing ponds and hatcheries, the service restocks waters that measure up to physical and biological requirements.

Through its engineering service, the fish culture service studies and rectifies conditions arising from obstructions and pollution in inland waters and also gives advice to provincial authorities on matters affecting the inland fisheries. Working in close conjunction with the fish culture organization are biologists of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada at St. Andrews.

"There are many people in the Maritimes who seem to be unaware of the role of the federal government in inland fisheries," said Mr. Baker. "While every credit is due to the provincial governments for the part they play in our fresh water fishery, it must be remembered that the department of fisheries and its fish culture service spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in the Maritimes in the conservation, protection and maintenance of our sport fish."

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Cobeguid, Coldbrook, Kilmoryn, Lindloff, Margaree, Middleton, River Philip, Sackville, Yarmouth, Grand Lake, Mersey River. (New Brunswick)—Florenceville, Grand Falls, Miramichi, New Mills, Saint John, Carlo and Halsey Brook. (Prince Edward Island)—Southport and Cardigan.

Canada Is Seen In Recession Bog

LONDON (CP)—The Times, commenting on the Canadian budget, says Canada is having more difficulty than other countries in "shaking herself free from the bog of recession."

"Consequently, the austerity of the Canadian budget proposals contrasts bleakly with the stimulus of those introduced in Britain on Tuesday," the newspaper observes.

Steel Making Capacity Drops

CLEVELAND (AP)—Steel-making operations may drop to 55 per cent of capacity in July or August, if there is no strike, but they'll probably average 63 per cent for the third quarter, Steel magazine said Sunday.

The weekly journal of metal-working reported that big users of steel—automotive, appliance, furniture and farm equipment industries—are at peak production now and their demands won't increase. But requirements for construction and pipelines probably will rise during the summer to offset vacation shutdowns, Steel said.

Last week's 93.5 per cent of capacity production was unchanged from the previous week. Among the 12 producing districts Pittsburgh went up two points to 97 per cent of capacity and Cleveland went down 1.5 points to 96.5 per cent.

Steel's composite price on scrap dropped 83 cents to \$36.17 a ton, lowest since July, 1958.

Hayloft Is Used As Art Gallery

MONTREAL (CP)—A hayloft converted into an art gallery is to be the setting for a new art show April 16-May 7 displaying paintings by some of Montreal's top artists of the last century.

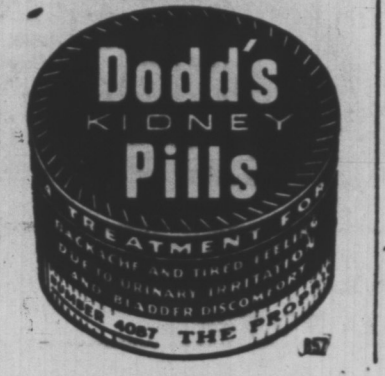
The gallery—called The Stable—is situated in what was once the hayloft of the stable of Hickson House, a private home willed to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

A group of young men and women converted the hayloft into an art gallery on a voluntary basis to save the museum money and to give youth a direct and active role in the museum.

Artists who will be represented are Cornelius Kriehoff, J. W. Morrice, Marc-Aurèle de Foy Su-

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